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### Meet Mr. Tattersal Himself . . .

RICHARD TATTERSAL was born in June, 1724, in the hamlet of Hurstwood in Lancashire. He was educated at Burnley Grammar School and, on leaving there, became an ardent supporter of the Jacobites.



When he was 21 he left Hurstwood and his parents in defiance of his father who had thwarted his desire to join the Jacobite Rebels of 1745.

He entered the service of Evylyn Pierrpont, 2nd Duke of Kingston, as a stable lad, but soon rose to being the Duke's personal studgroom.

In 1766, at the age of 42, he purchased with his hard-earned savings a 99-year lease of premises at Hyde Park Corner, London, from the Earl of Grosvenor.

He established himself as a horse auctioneer. His reputation for honesty and businesslike precision won him many clients, including the leading members of the Jockey Club and other members of the nobility. From correspondence preserved in the French Archives it is learned

he even procured horses for the King of France and the Dauphin.

In 1779, with his renowned judgment, he bought for himself the famous racer Highflyer from Lord Bolingbroke for the, then, enormous sum of £2,500.

About that time he converted two rooms in his house at Hyde Park Corner for the sole use of members of the Jockey Club and it was not long before these "subscription rooms" were established as the most important resort of the sporting world. It was from these rooms that all turf betting was regulated and a copy of the Rules, bearing the date 1780, now hangs in the Counting House of the present Tattersalls.

#### Founder of "Tattersall's"

Richard Tattersal married Cathrine, a grand-daughter of James, 12th Baron Somerville, and had one son, Edmund, born 1758.

In the early 1780's "Old Tatt", as he became known to distinguish him from his son, bought New Barns near Ely, Cambridgeshire, which he renamed Highflyer Hall. It was here that he entertained such notable personalities as William Windham, Charles Fox and the Prince of Wales (later George IV).

It is said that the Prince of Wales nominated Richard Tattersal his Almoner for the relief of certain "decayed turfites". In honour of his Royal patron, Tattersal erected the cupola with a bust of the Prince as a youth, which is famous to many generations as the "Palladium of Tattersalls".

In 1786 he arranged for the sale of the whole of the Prince of Wales' stud.

This man, who ran away from his parents' cottage in a hamlet, and who eventually owned his own large estate, was popular not only with Royalty and the aristocracy, but with everyone who was interested in "The sport of Kings".

It is said that he was "free of the road" meaning that no highwayman ever molested

#### Personality Profile

him—and a pickpocket is supposed to have returned his handkerchief with compliments.

He died on February 21, 1795, and is buried in St. George's, Hanover Square, London.

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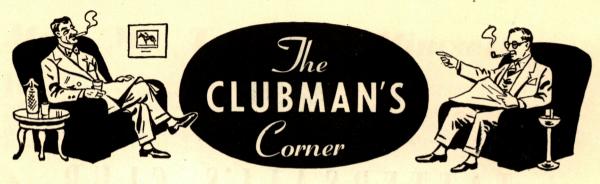
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GORDON and Jack Jones were sanguine about the prospects of their horse, Beaupa, in the Sydney Cup. Beaupa had won recently in Melbourne and had been beaten only a whisker previously in the Australian Cup. Beaupa provided a picture in condition and the weight (8.8) was not overburdening for one of Beaupa's class and staying record.

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THE SON of Beau Son-Credential didn't run a place, but it will lead the field home on future occasions.

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EVENING PEAL is a little mare, but full of quality, and she was turned out by her trainer, Peter Lawson, to run for a fortune, as regular racegoers remarked.

NURSE CAVILL said: Patriotism is not enough. Similarly gallantry is not enough. It is to be admired for all that. For that reason, Rex White must have drawn consolation from the gallant showing in the Sydney Cup of his Melbourne Cup winner, Evening Peal, humping 8.9 over two miles.

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FROM the Bowling Club correspondent: Most likeable personality in our bowling section apart from our president, Gordon Booth, is Issie Silk. A first-class bowler with a sense of humour all of his own, it is a pleasure to play either with or against him. One of our best judges in running, his comment is never far from the mark. He hands out his special to win the trophy each day.

JACK PICK says if there were only a bookie betting on the event each day, he would be sent broke by Issie's tips.

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DICK LONGWORTH told: At luncheon were Bob Price (87), A. J. Gilder (87), Jack Black (85). Later they were joined by Bob Carter (85) in watching a game of snooker. What other club could line up a row of such hale-and-hearty veterans?

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DICK LONGWORTH's family of another generation bred and raced horses. Members of this generation do. Dick's colors have been carried at Randwick. Nowadays he is a golf addict—turned down the A.J.C. Autumn meeting to hit the pill.

#### EDITORIAL: Age Cannot Wither

AGE is an attitude of mind. The years rest lightly or heavily according to how a man feels; better, how a man feels he feels; how the self-appraisal refreshes mentally.

Get to believe you are growing old and old you will grow before your time. Contrariwise, and Peter Pan—the boy of Barrie's creation, not the racehorse—will have nothing on you.

"Nothing is ill but thinking makes it so" is another way of saying mind should prevail over matter. How you think you are determines how you really are or how you will be.

In this club, as in other clubs, are men young of

body but old of mind, and vice versa. The elders who are really youngsters, comparatively, have the wrong mental approach. Sometimes they seek in Macquarie Street that which they themselves might prescribe by mental process.

Of course, there is danger in going to the other extreme of believing yourself physically in the 30-40 years group at, say, 60; even 50. It's a form of auto-hypnosis, attendant often with sad results.

The write-your-own remedy is to keep the mind adjusted and, in so doing, not succumb to grand delusions.

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WELCOMED back to the club after his illness: Gersh Fienberg.

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A. W. LAMBELL, Ween ya Shorthorn Stud, Gulargambone, exhibited the top bull under 21 months in that class at the R.A.S. Show. Prices paid for bulls from that stud averaged 1075 guineas at the Show sales of Shorthorn beef cattle. This was top average in that class.

THE joy of a boil-over, specially if you are on the boil-over—more particularly if you happen to own the boil-over—ranks among the luxury-offerings of the racing game. Since it is so rare. That joy Len Haley experienced in full

measure when his colt, Tulloch, downed Todman,

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COINCIDENCE was that
Maurice McCarten, Todman's trainer, himself figured in
a boil-over, 16 years ago, when
his mount Spear Chief, beat the
odds-on Ajax, going for his 16th
win in a row.

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NOWADAYS, P. G. Smith is more city than country, although his heart remains in the country. He has bred and raced horses, is a committeeman of Tamworth Jockey Club, and was a crack polo player in other years.

ON Sydney Cup day, Bill Mc-Iver recalled his winning the race with Sir Falcon and added: "John O'Riordan and I might have one good enough in Prince Dante to pull off the two-miler next year."

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A PPLAUDING Electro as he returned to scale after winning the Sydney Cup was the horse's former owner, E. R. Williams.

ALTON CUSICK, president of N.S.W. Trotting Club, described the N.Z. pacer, Caduceus, as not only the world's greatest, but a horse of iron constitution.

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A FTER stepping off the boat in Western Australia, Caduceus raced there; next appeared in South Australia, where he won; Melbourne, where he also won; thence to Sydney, where he led the field home on his first appearance; all in six weeks.

JOHN O'RIORDAN recounted to S.T.C. Committeeman W. W. Hill at Rosehill on Golden Slipper Stakes day an experience in meeting a number of Old Boys of St. Joseph's College of his era at that Great Public School.

E were there together in 190—," John began and stopped dead. Another member of the group put in: "It wouldn't do for John to disclose his age. He may have put it back several years in proposing to the nice girl he married."

THEREUPON a daughter of W. W. Hill said: "Oh, don't worry about the years. Whenever Dad starts to tell a story about Rugby Union, the family break in: "Back in 1901..."

#### BLACK MAGIC

ENGLISH newspaper invited readers to submit a verse on the theme: "I always look on the black side of things." One of the best contributions:

Man is a wily monster, woman's foe,

As dark and hairy as a chimpanzee,

His bedroom full of etchings that he'll show

To any girl in dainty lingerie.

The sort I wear are good and stout dimity,

Grey flannel-lined, well corded at the back,

With cuffs that button just above the knee—

I always look upon the side that's black.

OUT of hospital, recuperating: J. L. Simms.

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BACK from trip to Perth: J. Gates.

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OFF to U.S. on business: Rod O'Loan.

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TRIPPING to Honolulu: M. F. Albert.

#### RACE MEETING FOR HOSPITALS

WE HAVE BEEN requested to make an appeal to members for donations to the fund of the Hospitals' Benefit Race Meeting at Randwick on May 22. This club has donated £600 as prize for one race.

Two of our members, Mr. Ken Ranger and Mr. Arthur Browning, have each donated prizes of £500.

Members who desire to make donations, which will be permissible deductions for Income Tax purposes, are invited to notify our Secretary (Mr. Dawson) or Mr. S. Peters, who will issue-receipts.

Members donating £5 or more will be issued with a badge (if so desired) entitling them to membership for the day.

J. HICKEY, Chairman.

## THE MYTH OF INVINCIBILITY

ALL is "forgotten and forgiven" as regards the N.Z.-South African Rugby Union rumpus, according to a joint statement.

The latest series between these great R.U. strongholds for world supremacy, played in New Zealand, left the Springboks embittered in defeat, and the Enzeds resentful of S.A. comment on N.Z. referees.

What had really happened was that the South African myth of invincibility had been busted. Which reminds me:

When the All Blacks suffered a drubbing in South Africa in the twenties, Mark Nichols, the N.Z. captain and five-eighth, phoned this writer of his intention, while passing through Sydney ahead of the homecoming N.Z. team, that he intended to say a few well-chosen remarks which he hoped I would be able to have cabled to N.Z., South Africa and England.

He said at a R.U. reception: "Nothing better than our defeat could have happened for the good of N.Z. football. The defeat in the rubber should destroy our myth of invincibility."

Mark Nichols was ranked among the greatest five-eighths of his era. He was also rated a great sportsman, and deservedly.

-Veteran Unionite.

#### GOLF GIRL

THERE ARE many kinds of golfer, and there are many kinds of girl, but there are only two kinds of girl with whom it is possible to play golf. One is the beginner and the other is the expert . . . A pretty girl-golfer is about as nearly perfect as a woman can be, but even that cannot make her punctual.—Ian Hay.

#### Happy Birthday Greetings

An old greeting, but ever new: Good health, good luck and a toast to you!

Though your days be many or, maybe, few, what else may fail you, what else you rue, count us among the tried and the true.

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Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

#### HANDBALLERS MAKE HAPPY AT ANNUAL DINNER

#### Old and New Generation Foregather

So lustily were the praises of the Third Floor sung at the Handball Club's annual dinner that choice from the company of one acknowledging loyalty to all floors, even neutrality, to propose the toast, "Our Guests," must be counted a happy thought.

EVEN so, he, recognising in the gathering most handballers and swimmers, asked the chairman in an inside: "Is this a handball or a swimming turnout?"

The chairman (John Dexter), a Swimming Club adherent, answered: "It's a handball show."

What confused matters more for the inquirer was that Sammy Block, also a Swimming Club member, presided at the prizegiving.

Still there were no rivalries as between handballers and swimmers. They were united in a common bond of Third Floor association and allegiance.

As the night wore on and the lights assumed a rosier glow handballers were heard challenging swimmers to competition in the pool and swimmers retorting with invitations to handballers for combat on the court.

AN impartial observer from a newspaper, who had gathered the impression that the handball function had been swamped by a tidal wave from the pool, made a note that Arthur McCamley had put speculation beyond doubt by seeing that the prizes were collected only by handballers.

Guests declared that for this tidy job of organisation they could forgive Arthur everything—even Battlestep.

Cliff Sproule, manager of the Australian tennis team leaving soon for overseas, acknowledged that he had been brought so often to the Third Floor as a guest, he feared he risked ultimately being thrown through a fourth-floor window by the secretary on the instruction of the chairman.

Jack Green, trainer, was among the guests. That night he learned more about form and racehorses than he ever suspected would be his lot.

Many horses were mentioned as "certs" for the Doncaster. When, finally, Jack's elect was referred to, he nearly fell on the tipster's luck in gratitude.

John Dexter had plenty of prompting. On his right, Arthur McCamley; on his left, Peter Lindsay. "Which of the pair should I heed?" he appealed.

HEARTILY greeted was
George Goldie, pioneer
motion-picture man, who had
donated a trophy to the Handball Club for 22 consecutive
years.

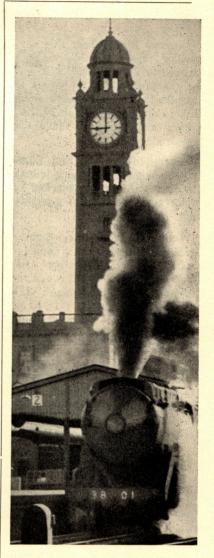
He remembered early days when Herc. McIntyre's family showed movies in a tent on the North Shore (1910 or thereabout).

Accepting the Hydrogen Trophy, Bill Kirwan kept assuring dubious inquirers: "I really won it!"

Bill made a point of mentioning the donor, E. R. Williams, owner of Hydrogen. "A good sportsman," said Bill, "a generous gentleman who prefers to remain in the background."

E. R. Williams' son, Peter, won the B grade championship.

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HAPPY MEMORIES: Famous Newcastle Flyer rated as among the finest in the world in its class, and in the realm of its service, pulling out from Central Station, Sydney. Many a time and oft' have members of this club rode aboard the Flyer to meetings of N.J.C. and Newcastle Tattersall's

Picture: Courtesy the Commissioner for Railways.

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Sammy Block chose this particular presentation to make a speech: "Bill Kirwan was one of the greatest of no-hopers at handball; but I never despaired. I kept training him for 10 long years and tonight I have my reward." (Cheers).

Everybody agreed that Sammy Block's speech paying tribute to Sammy Block was marked by sincere appreciation of a mighty job of coaching.

On a serious note, Sammy praised Bill Kirwan's sports-manship in presenting the Native Son Trophy for competition among Swimming Club members.

Bill Kirwan, himself visibly affected, rose again to say that he had it on good authority that the winner of the Hydrogen Trophy four years in succession—"And I have no doubt it will be me," Bill interpolated—"will be presented with a colt foal by Hydrogen."

PRESENTING the C grade trophy to Ken Francis, John Buckle said: "In the old days Bill Tebbutt could play handball, but Norman Penfold—never! I was surprised, really, that, in such circumstances, and with my playing record, Norman should have been asked to present the B grade trophy and I the C grade."

A Voice: "Truly a case for the stewards. Ring up the Chairman now!"

Bruce Partridge was also runner-up for the Amounis Trophy and Ken Francis was runner-up for the Winooka Trophy presented by Committeeman Ernie Vandenberg.

Dave Lazarus handed to George McGilvray the Amounis Trophy.

Trophy for the most improved player was awarded R. O. Cummings, former Davis Cup player. Peter Lindsay made the presentation.

R. O. Cummings said: "I have travelled far and seen much. I say that our Third Floor is comparable in its size with any of the world's clubs. I repeat that despite the interjections of Clarrie Woodfield."

John Dexter presented the Winooka Trophy to Eddie Davis, who was also runner-up in the Club championship and the Hydrogen Trophy.

#### DINKUM AUSSIE



When Dampier, landing (before Cook) in the West, wrote of Australia being "a land of songless birds", he had not heard "the jovial magpie wind his horn" (quoting the poet Barcroft Booke) or the Kookaburra, King of Laughter.

EDDIE DAVIS married recently and a toast was drunk to his bride and himself.

Arthur McCamley presented trophies to runners-up, including Viv. Thicknesse (B grade), former League international half-back.

Cuth Goddard proposed a toast to "Those Who Competed and Did Not Win."

Cuth recalled that John Dexter had joined the club in 1925, he himself in 1929, and Sammy Block in 1930.

All in all, it was a memorable night.

#### **TOUCH WOOD**

KNOCKING on wood to ward off punishment for boasting is one of the most prevalent of all superstitions. Early in World War II, when Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons that, so far, no large British warships had been sunk, a Labor member shouted, "Touch Wood"! "I sympathise with that feeling", was Churchill's reply.

It is not known definitely how wood was supposed to possess protective powers against misfortune, but one theory is that it arose from primitive tree worship, when trees were believed to harbour protective spirits. It is said that among certain European peasants it is still common to knock loudly on wood to keep away evil spirits. Other sources believe the superstition is of Christian origin, and is in some way associated with the Cross.

U.S.A. Olympic representatives Marley Schriver and Gary Tobian, have announced their engagement. Marley was 4th in the 400 metres freestyle, and Gary was a silver medallist in the men's highboard diving. Incidentally, Gary was only .03 of a point behind J. Capilla, who won the title.

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## ENGLISH JOCKEY CLUB MEMOIRS

In the Minutes of that august English body, the Jockey Club, you may find a resolution passed by the Committee in 1844, which reads: "That the thanks of the Jockey Club are eminently due, and are heartily offered, to Lord George Bentinck, for the energy, perseverance and ability which he displayed in detecting, exposing and defeating the atrocious frauds which have been brought to light during the recent trial respecting the Derby Stakes."

THE "ATROCIOUS FRAUDS" would have been interpreted by the Cockney racegoers of the day as a "ruddy ring-in," for it was in 1844 that a four-year-old named Maccabeus substituted for a genuine three-year-old, Running Rein. Even to-day, the substitution is recalled by the Jockey Club with a good deal of horror, but rather delicately Maccabeus is referred to as a "changeling."

The tactics of some bettors,

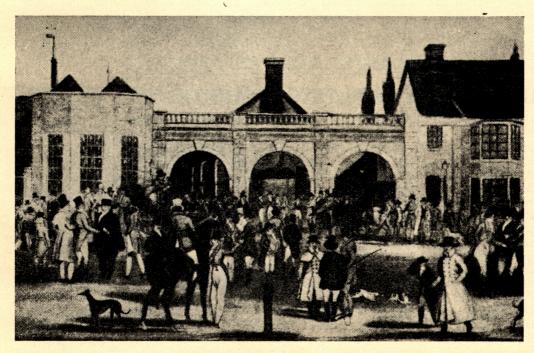
too, were often in those days considered with suspicion. Ninety years ago, a French filly, Fille de l'Air—owned by a Count de Legrange, aristocratic of blood but not altogether noble of mind—finished last in the Two Thousand and first in the Oaks.

The Count, obviously a fellow of foresight, had perhaps anticipated that such a reversal would create no little discussion: as horse and rider returned to the enclosure, the avenging mob was confronted by a wedge of solid body-guardsmen, led by ex-champion boxer, Jem Mace, who escorted Fille de l'Air's jockey to the weighing-out room.

#### Back in Eighties

The Gimerack Dinner, rendezvous of England's racing elect, seems to have been made the occasion for revelation, for in 1887 Lord Durham included

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NINETEENTH CENTURY painting shows the Subscription Rooms at Newmarket, where the gentry met to discuss racing. Membership of the club itself is limited to about 50 men.

Picture, courtesy "The Coal Miner".

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T W E N T I E T H CENTURY Jockey Club is an imposing building in which decisions are made in a soundproof room. The club can ban anyone from its tracks and its findings are b in d in g on 42 countries.

-Picture, courtesy "The Coal Miner".

in his address a number of pointed remarks covering the unpredictable be haviour of horses belonging to a stable of which Sir George Chetwynd was patron.

The peer—as he had intended—became defendant in a libel action and won. As a result, Charles Wood, a jockey who had seven times been second to

Archer in the Jockeys' Championship—was warned off and Sir George retired from the turf.

"The affair," said a contemporary journal, "caused the utmost ill-feeling all round. However, as a result ramps and jobs will become things of the past. Already, information is more widely spread, and the

secrecies beloved by owners and trainers have been laid bare."

A few years later, the Duke of Westminster issued a statement to the Press that his Derby colt, Orme, had been "foully and deliberately poisoned." He didn't prove a thing—except, maybe, that ramps and jobs did not belong to the past.

## THE MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE

ROCKING 'EM in the aisles in Ringling Bros. circus, New York, this season is Fay Alexander, the daring young man on the flying trapeze. He doubled for Cornel Wilde in the motion picture "Greatest Show On Earth" and for Tony Curtis in "Trapeze".

Dressed in pink tights, wrists tightly bandaged, he is one of the three known fliers to-day who can do "the triple".

(In case you are a circus fan, the other two are Lalo Palacio, a Mexican, and Tony Steel, an American.)

When you can do the triple somersault from a flying trapeze you enter the most select of clubs. Alexander, a modest man of 32, with a washboard stomach, steel muscles and nerves to match, explained why. The flier is turning so fast on the third revolution the catcher only has a split second to extend his arms. Then, if the catcher makes it, the flier crashes into his arms with tremendous force.

"The impact is terrific," Alexander said. "It's like hitting a brick wall at 50 m.p.h." This season he is only doing a two and a half because his catcher is not experienced enough. "Takes three to four years to train a catcher for the triple," he said solemnly.

#### **OBITUARIES**

A. T. SELMAN Elected 19/3/1934 Died 24/3/1957 S. BABICCI Elected 7/8/1956 Died 24/3/1957 Rev. GEO. COWIE Elected 24/11/1941 Died 28/3/1957 T. M. McGRATH Elected 18/9/1933 Died 30/3/1957 P. M. McGIRR Elected 29/9/1936 Died 13/4/1957 W. T. WOOD Elected 18/1/1932 Died 21/4/1957

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## RUNNING THE RULE OVER TODMAN

How does a champion measure up to the conventional formula? Fred Imber put the tape over Todman in the "Sun" and here is his summary: The colt fell short of the standard of balance which has been accepted for centuries.

To take the measurement for balance, a tape is carried from the top lip, up the face, between the ears and along the neck to the middle of the wither. Then the tape is taken from that point along the back, over the rump and down to the last joint of the tail.

The Arabs declare that if both measurements agree, the horse is perfect and a potential champion.

Beauford, Ajax, High Caste and Bernborough were "perfect" horses, but Phar Lap missed out by about two inches. Todman fails to fulfil the Arab theory of balance by five inches.

He measures 61 in. from lip to wither and another 66 in. to the last joint of the tail, but maybe this difference will diminish as the colt develops.

Todman, who is still growing, is only 15.1 hand; Phar Lap was 17.1 and Bernborough 17 hands and half an inch.

Todman is a bad walker and is most unimpressive when walking, trotting or cantering. He possesses some unknown quality which cannot be measured by a tape.

#### BUTTERFLY CHAMP.

WILLIAM YORZYK, who has probably established more butterfly records than anyone in the world, and was the only male U.S. Gold Medal winner in swimming at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, has surrendered his amateur standing. He has joined the Physical Education Department at Springfield (Mass.) College (from which he graduated and where he is doing pre-medical work), and will coach the freshman swimmers at the college. He will work in close co-operation with his former coach and friend, Professor Charles Silvia.—"Speedo," official journal of N.S.W. Swimming Association.

#### **BUSINESS FIRST**

WHEN Queen Elizabeth stole a few moments from her official Paris programme to view the famous stud belonging to Marcel Boussac, the owner was not there. He was at a parade of Boussac cottonware. So Cotton King didn't meet Queen.

#### TATTERSALL'S CLUB, SYDNEY

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## BOWLING CLUB AFFAIRS BOOMING

### Happy Annual Game on Waverley Green

Affairs in the Bowling Club are booming. The approach to the game is at all times sporting. The social side is no less important than the stern tussle.

WE registered a good win in the semi-final of Spurway Trophy at Newport. Our representatives will meet Chatswood on a Wednesday after April 17. The selectors are watching the form of the regular bowling members as they will need to have a strong team for such an important event.

We will have to select three teams of four. Judging by the standard of play of up-and-coming bowlers our selectors will have no easy task.

There are sure to be surprises as well as disappointments as our chief selector is fearless in his decisions. Most capable, he has the confidence of his coselectors, as well as members of the bowling section of the club.

George Munnoch enjoys his game each Thursday at Double Bay. One of our best bowlers, his knowledge of the game has only been gained by years of experience. He played particularly well against Ken Ranger at Double Bay on March 28, and was defeated by the last bowl of the match—a beauty. It was a fitting end to a game enjoyed by all six players.

#### Back to the Fold

Roy Barmby has returned to the fold of regular Thursday bowlers. He has been missing for a few months but evidently enjoys his Trophy Triples so much that we have won him back. Our Hon. Secretary, Committeeman Alex Buckle has finished serious bowls for the season. As an A Pennant player for Warringah he has been missing on Saturdays. As a punter Alex is a good bowler. At Randwick on March 30, his first appearance after the Pennant bowls, he backed the first two winners. Looks as though the spell from racing has done him good, as he now has more time to study form.

Gordon Booth (President) is one of our most relentless bowlers. Always keen to win by as big a margin as possible, he gives no quarter and expects none. It is good to see a player so keen. His knowledge of the rules and etiquette makes it a pleasure to play with or against him.

Good on you Forbes, on winning your first round of the Double Bay Championship against Roy Bruce. You played first class bowls. The win took precedence over business next day. Clients got a ball to ball description.

#### Championship Tip

A few more scalps and the Club Championship for sure, Ken. His wife and he were proud to welcome their daughter from overseas on March 23. At a nice party in their home at Bellevue Hill the bowling section was well represented.

Swannie and Mick Namenski gave a very good account of themselves and kept close to their work most of the evening. Mick, is on a diet; he ate everything in sight first and observed his diet later.

Swannie's special preference was for chicken a la King and the Lemon Cheese tart with double serve of ice cream.

The Chief will need to look to his laurels with the knife and fork. Good and all as he is, there are several showing good form. Big competition at Emmo's at Port Hacking, but the Chief is still going out favourite.

Another record was equalled at Waverley Club's match against Tattersall's on April 4. "Prince" Williams' team lost the possible eight against Les Cubitt's team—a record that will stand for a long time.

Who was the committeeman who clapped himself after his speech at Waverley? Perhaps in his maiden speech he was so good that he thought he deserved the applause, so he joined in.

#### Fixtures for May

May 26 (Sunday), 3 rings of Triples against Pymble, at Pymble, 1.30 p.m.; Social Trophy Triples at Double Bay, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; May 22 (Wednesday), Final of the Spurway Trophy, Tattersall's v. Chatswood, at Newport.

On April 4 we were guests of the Waverley Bowling Club for the tenth annual occasion. After seven straight years of defeat we were successful for the last three years, but suffered a sound defeat on this occasion. We are looking forward to a date later in the year when they will be our guests at Double Bay for our revenge.

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## TATTERSALL'S CLUB 157 ELIZABETH STREET SYDNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 12th June, 1957, at 8 o'clock p.m.

#### BUSINESS:

- (a) To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on 13th June, 1956, and Special General Meetings of the Members on 6th and 28th February, 1957.
- (b) To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, and accompanying Statements for the year ended 28th February, 1957.
- (c) To elect a Chairman.

  Mr. John Hickey retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (d) To elect a Treasurer. Mr. John A. Roles retires in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (e) To elect Eight Members to serve on the Committee for One Year.

  Messrs. A. R. Buckle, F. J. Carberry, George Chiene, A. G. Collins,
  K. F. E. Fidden, G. J. C. Moore, W. H. Sellen and E. W. Vandenberg
  are retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible
  for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) To elect an Auditor or Auditors.

  Messrs. Starkey and Starkey retire and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer, or Member of the Committee, signed by two Members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, must be handed to the Secretary by 5 p.m. on the 20th May, 1957.

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 3rd June, 1957.

M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

29th April, 1957.

## RETIRING OF



MR. A. R. BUCKLE
Committeeman



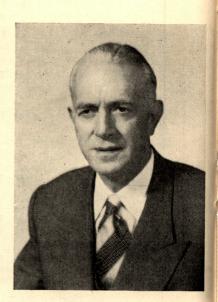
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All the above retiring Office-bearers are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the Members to be held at 8 p.m. on 11th June, 1957.

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#### **Bowling Club Affairs Booming**

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#### The Scores

Scores. Tattersall's against Waverley: J. O'Brien, J. Harris, F. Ahearn, C. Booth (T.), 15; J. Hand, F. Watt, S. Greville, T. Thompson (W.), 32; J. Keogh, Fred Harris, F. Empson, J. K. Monro (T.), 23; F. Stone, R. Marrott, R. Switson, J. Friendship (W.), 28; J. W. Cook. Geo. Brown, A. Buckle, K. Ran-. ger (T.), 20; Reg Emanuel, J. Acheson, A. Preece, L. Fingleton (W.), 35; H. Davis, V. Behr, F. Vockler, F. L. Williams (T.), 24; C. Cubitt, F. Coulson, A. Adams, L. Cubitt (W.), 30; J. Phillips, W. Huchinson, J. Pick, P. T. Schwarz (T.), 23; C. Christie, C. McCausland, N. Paden, E. Meltham (W.), 27; J. Davis, G. H. Levey, C. Cohen, J. Eaton (T.), 11; J. Weir, G. Howard, W. Shirley, R. Bradshaw (W.), 33; J. Hackett, E. Thorn, N. Hough, R. Williams (T.), 26; J. Staunton, R. Laycock, C. Walker, R. Lindsay (W.), 22; J. Fuller, Ray Davis, R. Barmby, G. Munnoch (T.), 25; P. Bellinfawte, H. Foster, N. Hookway, M. Fawl (W.), 13; J. Shaffron, A. McDowell, E. Westhoff, J. O'Neill (T.), 12; H. Harris, W. Barrie, D. Walker, C. Baker (W.), 38; A. Willis, R. Ball, E. A. Davis, C. E. Mansel (T.), 32; R. Stevens, J. Gibbs, G. Rowles, L. Johnson (W.), 32, 17.

Totals: Waverley 220, Tattersalls 167.

#### Double Bay

Social Trophy Triples at Double Bay (April 14): W. Hutchinson, D. O'Brien, W. Mc-Donald, 18, beat W. Ditfort, A. Willis, D. Webster, 10; D. Mc-Farlane, V. Bear, N. Hough, 20, beat J. Keogh, J. Phillips, A. Buckle, 9; D. Cowell, J. McTigue, C. Emanuel, 24, beat A. Neu-

stadt, R. Nixon, G. Munnoch, 11; J. O'Brien, G. H. Levey, K. F. Williams, 16, beat J. Davis, F. Gawler, J. Pick, 11; A. Mc-Dowell, J. Shaffran, G. Booth, 22, beat W. Howes, W. Gaha, C. Cohen, 13.

1st Trophy winners: D. Cowell, J. McTigue, C. Emanuel; 2nd Trophy winners: W. Dittford, A. Willis, D. Webster.

Social Trophy Triples (Double Bay, March 28): J. Shaffron, F. Empson, K. Ranger, beat G. H. Levey, A. Buckle, G .Munnoch. 17-14; G. Marshall, N. Hough, C. Emanuel beat W. Ditford, J. Harris, K. Williams, 19-6; H. Davis, R. Barmby, P. J. Schwarz beat R. Ball, J. W. Cook, A. Kippax, 22-10; A. Basser, A. Willis, C. Cohen beat R. Bartley, W. Burns, G. H. Booth, 17-15; A. Ward, L. Dwyer, J. Trainor beat F. Gawler, J. McKendrick, J. K. Munro, 16-10; J. Keogh, E. Abbott, W. McDonald beat J. Phillips, I. Silk, A. Butler, 18-9; J. O'Brien and F. L. Williams beat E. A. Davis and J. Pick, 17-13.

Trophy winners: J. O'Brien, J. Pick, F. L. Williams. Runners-up (Trophy): A. Ward, L. Dwyer, J. Trainor.

M. H. Alderson: If at first you don't succeed you're running about average.

#### KANGAROO WHIPS

ALTHOUGH MANY of the whips used in the Australian outback are made from kangaroo leather, the whips themselves are manufactured in England by William Osborne, of Birmingham. Reason for this 24,000 mile round trip from Australia to England and back again is that Osborne is one of the very few whip plaiters left in the world.

Although it has been a dying trade for many years now, Osborne took it up because it was in his blood. For generations back, his family have all been whip and thong makers. Broadcasting recently over the BBC, Osborne said that Australians naturally wanted their stockwhips made of Australian leather. Kangaroo hide, because of its strength and suppleness, is the best leather to use in the whips, he added. The skins, which weigh about two pounds. are tanned in Australia and are ready for immediate use by the time they reach England.

Osborne uses a whole skin to make a 24 ft. thong, but this is not a standard length and he gets requests for whips of anything between eight and 24 ft. long. In addition to making plaited stockwhips for the Australian market, Osborne also makes other types of whips as well as dog-leads, which he exports all over the world.

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#### OLD SEASON ENDS ON EXCITING NOTE

The season closed on an exciting note—Bill Kirwan beating Eddie Davis for the Hydrogen Trophy, followed by the annual dinner, voted a fitting finale to a grand period of sporting contests.

AMONG VISITORS at the dinner were Cliffe Sproule (manager of Australia's Davis Cup Team), Doug Thompson, Bill O'Carroll ("Daily Mirror"), Bill Allen, Harry Buttel, Reg Stoker, Bill Tebbutt, Norman Penfold, Jack Green and chairman of our dinner (John Dexter) of swimming fame.

Prizes were presented to Bruce Partridge, George McGilvray, Eddie Davis, Bill Kirwan, Ken Francis and R. O. Cummings as winners in the various competitions and to Viv Thicknesse, Eddie Davis, Harry Castle and Bruce Partridge as runners-up.

Speech making was brief but excellent. Cliffe Sproule, as befitted his office of manager of the Davis Cup team from Australia this year, responded on behalf of visitors.

We extend to the Chairman of Tattersall's Club and his committee our congratulations on the manner in which the Secretary and his staff handled the function. Food and refreshments were excellent. The food prepared by the chef and his staff was out of this world.

We extend to Ernie, our head steward of the night, and his staff for a job well done. Our old friend Merv Lyons completed the picture with excellent music on the baby grand.

The 1956-57 season has passed and we look forward to 1957-58. The "Gestapo" are reviewing the handicaps. When the list is completed handicaps will be posted on the board. If

you want to win I suggest you commence training. Exciting games and big upsets are tipped this year.

Winooka Trophy

The donors of the "Winooka Trophy" have suggested that this year we change the name to "The A. J. Matthews Memorial Trophy." Winooka, a past champion racehorse, was owned by the late Joe Matthews, who donated this prize during his lifetime. Since then the executors of his estate have continued the donation.

To Ted Forrest and Stephen Blau I suggest we call it "The A. J. Matthews 'Winooka' Trophy." This would convey to our members that this trophy is a memorial to a man whose memory we cherish. Let me know, Ted and Stephen, if this has your approval.

Our committee hope that last year's donors will continue to extend support. There is no need for me to tell them how much club fellowship they create by supporting the competitions.

Best of luck to all during the 1957-58 season.

In the Chinese theatres the plays often last a week. There are no drop curtains or scenery, but placards tell the audience that this is a house, bedroom or whatever the case may be. Should an actor be slain, he merely lies on the floor for a while, then unconcernedly gets up and walks away.

#### LIMERICKS

A sleeper from the Amazon
Put nighties of his gra-mazon—
The reason that
He was too fat
To get his own pajamazon.

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A striptease named Cubboard in Kansas Made a fortune by wiggling her

Frances.

When the censors got there,
Miss Cubboard was bare.

She explained, "I don't know
where my fans is."

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Said a fervent young lady of Hammels,
"I object to humanity's trammels!
I want to be free!
Like a bird! Like a bee!
Oh, why am I classed with the

#### SPORTS SOBSTER

mammals?"

PETER WILSON, the Sob kid of London "Daily Mirror", writing of Ken Rosewall: "The Sydney youth is the poetry of motion, the dream of grace and the perfume of elegance for those who prefer the cream of court-craft to the crash-bang-wallop of the game which Jack Kramer patterned."

Further: "Playing Rosewall is like suffering the medieval torture of being crushed to death under increasing weights until you surrender to the executioners."

Lyrically, Wilson is an accentuation of Neville Cardus, the fellow who wrote grand opera like he would a cricket match, and cricket in the manner of Grand Opera.

Writer Andre Maurois: "Women are like thoroughbred horses; you have to speak kindly to them before you bridle them."

## MARCH-APRIL SWIMMING Clive Hoole Brace Relay

BRACE RELAY specialist
Clive Hoole has taken a
narrow lead in the March-April
Point Score in the Pool from
Dick Dowling.

They talk about "horses for courses" but for our money Hoole is the best bet ever when he saddles up for a Brace Relay Handicap.

Look at his record: Started in 11 of these events, won five and has been second in three finals this season.

Seventy and a half of the 101½ points Clive has scored this season have been from Brace Relays. No wonder the swimmer who draws this great enthusiast and worker as partner reckons he is a nearly sure winner.

Clive has now moved into fourth position in the "Native Son" Point Score and he will surely be right near the top when the season ends.

Arthur Alsop has moved to top of the "Native Son" Point Score with a lead of five points over early leader Keith Longworth with Jim Comans a further 10 points away.

Les Bear and Arthur McCamley have improved their positions while Geoff Laforest and Leigh Bowes have lost theirs.

#### Dick Dowling's Bid

Dick Dowling is making a great bid for the current Point Score and should he win, it will be his first. He is only a point behind Hoole with one event to go. A win would be popular as

Dick leaves for a business trip abroad after Easter. He would dearly love to boast to his brother in Brisbane.

We tipped it would not be long before Jim Riddell won a race and cut a second or so off his time. April 2 was the big day when he duly won in 31.7 sees. off 33, losing a second's handicap in the process. He'll improve.

Harold Herman's trip to New Zealand must have been a good one. Since his return two final wins have come his way.

Sid Sernack still cannot dive at the start under doctor's orders but he has conquered the art of pushing off so well that recently he beat the starter and was outed.

Back after absence from racing are George Goldie and Bob Harris. The latter would have won a heat but for interference. Should have some stewards on the job!

Peter Lindsay has found that he goes much better when he doesn't try too hard. (Overseas coaches please note).

Welcome reappearances in the races were made by R. G. Spencer and B. Wallace. Hope to see a lot more of you, boys!

Chalk it up! Leigh Bowes missed a race a few weeks ago. It doesn't happen often.

Handicapper Jack Gunton's frowns during the month were for Jack Shaffran and Jim Riddell which cost both those worthies a second.

Best winning times since the previous issue of the magazine were 21.8 by Dick Dowling and 22.3 by Ross Stanford.

#### Results

March 29:—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: C. Hoole and R. Dowling (47) 1, S. Sernack and A. Alsop (48) 2, I. Abernethy and J. Comans (53) 3. Time, 45.2 secs.

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### CAUSE AND EFFECT IN NATURE

Right at the outset I warn you that I am a biological Jack-of-all-trades, an ecologist. Now you are aware I know a little about most things and not much about anything, you can excuse my mistakes and you will soon realise what I mean by cause and effect in nature.

ABOUT THE TURN of the century, American hunters were nonplussed by the steadily dwindling numbers of waterfowl. No longer were they able to retire to their favourite haunts secure in the knowledge that a brace of plump duck was theirs for the taking. The duck had gone.

Meanwhile, in New York State, the price of skunk furs went higher and higher under the clamoured bidding for fashion-conscious women. Trappers scoured the countryside, their skinning knives working overtime as animal after animal fell victim to their cunning.

Chelydra, the snapping turtle, found the situation to his liking. With Mephitis, the skunk, no longer there to scratch up nests of eggs buried in the sand of the banks of creeks and ponds, thousands and thousands of little turtles lived to scrabble their way through the sand and down to the water. Some of them, to be sure, were taken by birds and snakes and fish—but most of them got through.

For a while they fed cautiously, nosing about amongst the water-weeds and around logs, picking off snails and crustaceans, and snapping up small fish. As they grew they became bolder, rubbing shells with their larger fellows and competing with them for fish and other animals, including the young of water birds. The waters teemed with turtles of all sizes. Clutch after clutch of

young ducks followed their parents to the water, to disappear one by one as horny jaws dragged them beneath the surface. Few escaped.

#### Disillusioned Trappers

Gradually, the demand for skunk furs decreased. Trappers no longer found large profits in taking skunk. They wandered off, disillusioned; to other more occupations. The skunk population increased. The snapping turtles once again lost their eggs, and fewer young developed and scramled down to the water. Water birds increased rapidly in numbers and once again the shot of the hunter rang out over stream and pond. The splashes of success told their own story.

There are six groups involved in this episode, all with the desires and rights associated with their positions. If women want furs, other people must collect them, cure them and sell them. At each level, costs must be worked out by economists and the value of the industry computed. Any effect these activities may have on others are of little concern.

Women who want furs have no interest in duck-shooters. Most of them would not even allow a trapper near their back doors! Ducks and turtles, of course, do not merit consideration by trapper, furrier, economist or housewife. These four groups, together with the shooters, all have personal axes to grind, honest ones but never-

theless selfish. The sixth interested group of people are the ecologists who told you this story. And this brings me to the point I am trying to make.

Ecology is the study of plants and animals in their home environments.—"The Riverlander."

#### SWIMMING

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April 2:—40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: J. Riddell (33) 1, R. Dowling (22) 2, C. Godhard (27) 3. Time, 31.7 secs. 2nd Division Final: H. Herman (28) and S. Kay (28) 1, T. Barrell (26) 3. Time, 27.6 secs.

April 9:—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: C. Hoole and H. Herman (53) 1, C. Godhard and P. Lindsay (53) 2, C. Bowes and G. Boulton (49) 3. Time, 50.5 secs.

#### March-April Point Score

With one event to complete it, the leaders in this series were:—C. Hoole 20, R. Dowling 19, C. Godhard 16, H. Herman 15½, A. Alsop 15, S. Sernack 14, C. L. Bear 13, S. Kay and J. O. Dexter 11½, J. Comans 11, T. Barrell, K. Francis, P. Lindsay, A. McCamley, S. Murray and J. Riddell 10.

#### "Native Son" Point Score

Leaders in this series for all points scored during the season were, on April 16:-A. Alsop 122½, K. Longworth 117½, J. Comans 107½, C. Hoole 101½, C. L. Bear 96½, A. McCamley 93½, G. Laforest 92½, F. Bowes 90½, S. Kay 78½, C. Bowes 77½, E. O. Shaw 77½, G. Boulton 77, H. Herman 74, F. Harvie 72, P. Lindsay 72, T. Abernethy 711. G. Goldie 68, S. Murray 671, T. Barrell 66, R. Corrick 65½, R. Stanford 60, J. O. Dexter 59½, J. Shaffran 58, A. Carthew 55, R. Dowling 531, S. Sernack

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Patrons of boxing are asking why Australia does not produce heavy-weight boxers of the calibre of the old-timers. S. G. Ebert answers in the "Digest of Digests".

THE fight game is far less attractive today — not only to heavy-weights but to all divisions. The larger, more rugged types, pugilistically inclined, can get plenty of thrill and limelight by playing football. They can also collect some extra cash if they are good enough for the professional games.

The athlete who elects to risk the shape of his face and the spring of his step in the gamble for a few thousand pounds in a few years, is facing up to long odds. The betting against probable success would make long-priced Melbourne Cup winners, Wotan and Old Rowley, sound like a couple of "past the post" propositions.

Even here, in Australia, where pugs are not at all plentiful, a gloveman needs to be both good and lucky at his game, if, in ten years, he is to earn as much as a first-class tradesman, with normal overtime, during the same period. Before the optimistic punch - slinger even approaches that higher bracket, he has to negotiate a course, so packed with hazards, that St. Andrews, of Royal and Ancient fame, seems like a bowling alley in comparison.

A little less than a hundred per cent. of Australia's boxing boys hang on grimly to daily jobs and squeeze the training schedule into what is left of the week when the statutory forty hours have been subtracted. A mere handful of them can afford to devote the full seven day week to the business of boxing and its preparations.

#### **Burns and Squires**

Bill Squires hovered on the verge of winning the world title 50 odd years ago. He was so close to the championship belt and didn't know. The Australian was fighting champion Tommy Burns at Colma, California. Bill Squires, in the first round, landed his crunching right hand, flush on to the Canadian's jaw. Burns stated, after the fight, that he had never been

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hit harder. He confessed that he was "out on his feet" after that one blow. "A tap would have sent me down," he said. "I stalled for a couple of seconds and then. I tried to mutter: 'I thought you had a punch, Bill. Is that your best?' The words must have come. Bill Squires stood there, looking amazed that he hadn't dropped me. Although as surprised as he, that I was still upright, I caught him with a right hand." Bill Squires was knocked out in the same round. It is still claimed that he was beaten by his own dismay. Strange also that Squire's famous lethal punch disappeared as from that date. He lost it entirely.

George Cook was no world beater, but he barred no opposition, irrespective of size, colour or shape. Big George Cook did his battling from 1916 to 1938, and he did it in Australia, England, Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Sweden, South America, Italy, Canada and the United States.

Frank Slavin, with heavy black moustache and old-style upright stance, started fighting in 1885 and was still punching it out with the big men more than twenty years later. Like Darcy, Slavin was a Maitland pugilistic product. He died in a Canadian hospital in 1929 as a result of wounds he collected in World War 1.

#### Colin Bell Memory

The old folks sigh when they think of Colin Bell, the last of the Australian heavyweights. They sigh because Bell had the footwork and agility of a ballet dancer, the super-strength of a gorilla, and a spirit of mercy that would not have been misplaced in Florence Nightingale

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#### POWER OF WORDS

ENGLISH as it is spoken and written, is coming in for a great deal of criticism just now; letters protesting against its misuse in public are continually appearing in the British press. Unwanted neologisms and slang. meaningless cliches and pedantic nonsense, ugly, slovenly, and unutterable phrases, have all been pilloried. It is obviously felt that, in the words of Mr. A. P. Herbert: "Piratical, ruffianly, masked, braggart, and ill-bred words invade our language nad lay waste our thought every dav."

It is too true. Never before has the onslaught been so fierce; for never in the past have people been able to reach and influence with their words so many of their fellows at once. A split infinitive can be round the world in a split second; the "jungle

English" of a careless reporter encroaches simultaneously on a hundred thousand breakfast tables; and a new coinage of Hollywood slang is soon legal tender in a million homes.

The actual process of change is, of course, essential in a living language; words are added, or become obsolete, change their meaning or their status, and the slang of to-day is often staid and respectable tomorrow. The problem is how to regulate the change. It can hardly be solved by any deliberate method. So long, however, as there are sufficient people who care about the matter, and who act instinctively upon Pope's dictum: In words, as fashions, the same rule will hold, like fantastic if too new or old: Be not the first by whom the new are tried. Nor yet the last to lay the old aside.

#### QUINELLA OR -?

MOST PEOPLE in Australia spell and pronounce "quinella" wrongly. An Automatic Totalisator said at Caulfield that the correct spelling was "quiniella" pronounced "quin-e-ela" (wrote Jack Ayling in Sydney "Daily Telegraph").

An alert racing man pointed out to me at Moonee Valley recently that "quinella" tote tickets on the last race spelt the word "quiniela."

The tote official said "We have always used the correct spelling quiniela."

"The word is derived from a South American card game called Jai Alai, in which players pick two cards, hoping for the highest and second highest in the pack."

If you still have your tonsils and appendix at 30 chances are you're the doctor.

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herself. His natural human kindness was certainly no asset to a potential champion heavyweight pug. Colin Bell held the powerful Sam Langford, the Boston Tar Baby, to a draw. That was the same Sam Langford to whom big Jack Johnson was strangely allergic.

Jim Hall was another sixfooter from home whom the grey-beards accept in the category of class. Hall's greatest accomplishment noted in the record book, was his knock out of Frank Slavin at the National Athletic Club, London.

Rotarian Bulletin: A chip on the shoulder indicates that there is wood higher up.

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#### LONGER POOLS

U.S.A. SWIMMERS, in the past, have dominated the word record book. Their inter - Collegiate "meets," held in short-course pools, had made it somewhat easy for great teams like Yale, Michigan and Ohio State to proworld record-breakings teams. The decision of F.I.N.A., as from May 1, that world records must be set in a 55 yard or 50 metre pool will take away much of the glamour of inter-Collegiate swimming.

In discussions on the rise of Australian swimming, many critics are of the opinion that the Australians have a more solid background for Olympic swimming, because of the absence of short-course pools, whereas the American Collegiate set-up of swimming in 25 yard pools does not produce swimmers with the necessary toughness for the new standard that has de-

veloped in the past two years. What was once the U.S.A. strength is now proving to be a weakness. — "Speedo," official journal of N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Association.

#### TOP SECRET

WHEN U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles went to Ottawa for a meeting with Canadian officials, he took along a prepared speech for the opening of the meeting and a number of "position papers" on the subjects to be discussed. were carefully locked in the United States Embassy safe for the night. The next morning when Mr. Dulles called for them, nobody could get the safe open. The Secretary went to the meeting without the papers and made a joke of the incident.

Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, replied that he wished Mr. Dulles had explained his dilemma earlier. "If we had known," he observed with a smile, "I feel sure the Canadian counterintelligence lads could have got the papers out of there."

A famed film beauty applying for a visa came to the blank: "Single — Married — Divorced. She hesitated a moment, then wrote "Everything."

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Then there's the story about the Hollywood writer who left instructions that he be cremated and ten percent of his ashes thrown in his agent's face.

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Courtship is a period during which a girl decides whether or not she can do better. A scared rabbit outpaced some of East Europe's fastest runners when it strayed on to Prague's army stadium during an athletics meet. Spectators cheered as the rabbit streaked along the cinders track vainly chased by hurdlers.

The best way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.

A lovesick youth sent his best girl his and her first orchid. He wrote on the card: "With all my love and most of my money".

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## A SPIN FOR YOUR MONEY

One of the inescapable facts of life on the Continent is the Casino. You stand, on the first morning of a holiday, with your back to the sea and your eyes shielded against the sun, to take your bearings . . . and, there it is, the largest, and brightest, the most fabulous building of them all. If you are new to the game, it could be a palace—the home of an Eastern Prince; or a cinema de luxe; or simply the Town Hall. If, on the other hand, you "know" about such places, you walk with your eyes virtuously downcast — and bump into it at the first corner!

THERE is no geographical formula about a casino, and whereas at one place you find a central gambling hall, and one or two rooms for the big gaming, at another you have a series of equal and connecting rooms.

Baccarat Banque, for instance, is the aristocrat of its kind, and comparatively rare nowadays. Played with cards, it is the game where fortunes can be made and lost at one sitting; and it is also the only game in which the casino does not participate. The players hold their own bank and play against each other, writes "Magazine Digest."

The majority of tables are used for either Chemin de Fer, which is a casino controlled version of Baccarat Banque, Trente et Quarante, another card game, or Roulette.

The sum total is rather confusing, but move around, allow yourself to become acclimatised. Study the big tables and the small tables; watch the habitue as he takes a jeton from his little tin, consults a page of private hieroglyphics (there are as many foolproof systems as there are players), and places his bet.

Watch the people in general—the distinguished and the dubious; the rich, the poor and

the in-between — and the croupier in particular.

Here is a remarkable man, whose job has probably been in the family for several generations. Impassive and completely detached, he nevertheless "takes in" the tables at a glance.

Here is also, you discover, an approachable person, and this finally decides you. The question is no longer: "Can I afford to?" but, "Can I afford not to?"

#### The Limit

You give yourself a financial limit — ten shillings, perhaps, or a pound — and exchange your money at the cash desk for jetons of a hundred francs. This will be the smallest denomination; larger sums are dealt with in plaques.

You then choose a table at which the stakes are low (the person at the desk will advise you) and take up your stand by the croupier, who will, if you ask him, place your bet.

The ways of betting are too numerous to mention, but pair et impair (the odd numbers and the even), at two to one, is a reasonably "sure thing," and en carre, at eight to one make a comfortable gamble. . . . Here again, the croupier will help you.

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City Tattersall's Club Saturday 4th (At Randwick)	(At Rosehill) Sydney Turf Club Saturday 7th
Australian Jockey Club Wednesday 8th (At Warwick Farm)	(At Canterbury) (Canterbury Guineas)
Sydney Turf Club	Australian Jockey Club Wednesday 11th  (At Warwick Farm)
(Civic Handicap, Lord Mayor's Cup) Sydney Turf Club	Tattersall's Club Saturday 14th (At Randwick) (Chelmsford Stakes)
Tattersall's Club	Sydney Turf Club
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 25th (At Canterbury)	Sydney Turf Club
Australian Jockey Club	Australian Jockey Club Wednesday 25th (At Warwick Farm)
JUNE	Sydney Turf Club Saturday 28th (At Rosehill)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 1st	(Hill Stakes, Rosehill Cup)
(At Rosehill) Sydney Turf Club Saturday 8th	OCTOBER
(At Rosehill)  *Australian Jockey Club Saturday 15th	*Australian Jockey Club Saturday 5th
(At Randwick) (June Stakes) *Australian Jockey Club	(At Randwick) (Derby and Epsom)
(At Randwick) (Winter Stakes) Sydney Turf Club Saturday 22nd (At Canterbury)	*Australian Jockey Club Monday 7th (At Randwick) (Metropolitan)
Sydney Turf Club	*Australian Jockey Club Wednesday 9th (At Randwick)
Australian Jockey Club Saturday 29th (At Warwick Farm)	(Geo. Main Stakes)
*(WINTER MEETING)  JULY	*Australian Jockey Club Saturday 12th (At Randwick) (Craven Plate)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 6th (At Canterbury)	*(SPRING MEETING) Sydney Turf Club
Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 10th (At Canterbury)	(At Canterbury)
Australian Jockey Club Saturday 13th (At Warwick Farm)	City Tattersall's Club Saturday 19th (At Randwick) (City Tattersall's Cup)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 20th (At Rosehill) (S.T.C. Winter Handicap)	Sydney Turf Club
Australian Jockey Club Wednesday 24th (At Warwick Farm)	Sydney Turf Club Saturday 26th (At Rosehill)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 27th (At Rosehill) (Winter Cup)	Australian Jockey Club Wednesday 30th (At Warwick Farm)
AUGUST	
Australian Jockey Club Saturday 3rd	NOVEMBER
(At Randwick)  *Australian Jockey Club	Sydney Turf Club Saturday 2nd (At Rosehill)
Sydney Turf Club (At Randwick) Sydney Turf Club (At Rosehill)	Sydney Turf Club
Sydney Turf Club	Sydney Turf Club Saturday 9th (At Canterbury)
Sydney Turf Club	Sydney Turf Club Saturday 16th
Australian Jockey Club Saturday 24th (At Warwick Farm)	(At Canterbury) (Clissold Handicap, Underwood Cup)
(Hobartville Stakes) Sydney Turf Club	Sydney Turf Club
(At Canterbury) Australian Jockey Club Saturday 31st	Australian Jockey Club Saturday 23rd (At Warwick Farm)
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